

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting
Thursday December 11, 2014 3:30-5:30 p.m. City Hall (350 S 5th Street) Room 132

Minutes

Attendance: Eduardo Cardenas, Marty Broan, Lisa Daniels, Darrell Gerber, Alexis Troschinetz, Michelle Stockness, Shalini Gupta, Michelle Schroeder, Tony Hainault, Meleah Houseknecht, Pat Mulloy, Sam Grant

Others in Attendance: Gayle Prest, Brendon Slotterback, Patrick Hanlon, Aisha Gomez, Sammie Rivera, Cecilia Martinez, Anna Abruzzese, Ned Brooks, Jeff Smith, Taylor Holland, Sarah Goodspeed, Ani Backa

Absences: Jamison Tessneer, Ross Abbey, Jennifer Ringold, Brian Ross, James Nash, Roxxanne O'Brien

- 1) **MPCA Air Quality Pilot Study Update.** Jeff Smith from the MPCA gave an update on the Air Quality Pilot Study which includes voluntary agreements with industrial facilities for pollution prevention. The pilot currently includes twelve facilities in Minneapolis. The MPCA will explore with the industries, the city and the community voluntary actions that the industries could take to improve air quality. The desired outcome is to have a regulatory change at the end of the process which ties back to the permits for the facilities. Improvements could include pollution equipment or site improvements.
- 2) **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**
 - a. Agenda was approved
 - b. November minutes were approved
- 3) **Action regarding CEAC perspectives on Energy Vision Advisory Committee.** Lisa Daniels volunteered to continue drafting the letter Michelle started. Many members said they'd like to get a vote on the letter before the end of the year so that the new members wouldn't have to vote on something they haven't seen before. Lisa would like any changes, additions or deletions by December 19th. After that CEAC members will vote online. Michelle will email the document to Lisa, who will distribute the document to all CEAC members.
- 4) **Subcommittee Updates.**
 - a. Climate and Air. The subcommittee decided that the franchise agreement subcommittee will not dissolve into the Climate and Air subcommittee.
 - b. Franchise. The City Council restored the Clean Energy Partnership funding to the level proposed by the Mayor. Many CEAC members worked on the letter to the Council advocating this change.
 - c. Less Waste. The subcommittee is meeting with Kellie Kish on Thursday the 18th to catch up on what the City is doing and see what Less Waste can do in the next year. Ben Knudson from Hennepin County will work with the subcommittee.
 - d. Water. The subcommittee met at the last CEAC meeting. The group is trying to recruit more members.
 - e. Environmental Justice. The group developed questions for the MPCA presentation and is discussing how to recruit members for 2015. Tony would like to be added to EJ email distribution list.

- f. Full CEAC – members will send Darrell things they remember that CEAC has accomplished in the last year or two years and he will work with staff to develop a look-back that can be sent out.

5) Announcements.

- a. Members discussed the outcome of the budget passage at the full Council.
- b. The City received recognition from the White House as a Climate Action Champion. This could mean new technical assistance from federal agencies, and may mean having priority for federal grant opportunities.
- c. The Minneapolis Convention Center is hosting an Energy Forum for neighborhood organizations on Monday, December 15th from 9:30 – 11 am.
- d. Gayle passed out a list of the appointments for CEAC in 2015. The City Council will approve the list on December 12th.

6) Recognition of outgoing CEAC members. Darrell recognized the outgoing members of CEAC and distributed certificates of recognition.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.